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Dear Patriot,



Greetings to our constituents, fellow Floridians, and all Americans, here we are for another weekly update. There is only one word that describes the past week: appalling.

It was appalling to hear the President of the United States truly threaten our nation's senior citizens and Military Veterans/Retirees. Furthermore, the threat to that body of Americans want their taxes raised is beyond unconscionable.

I believe we are headed towards the ultimate ideological clash in America. There is a widening chasm which has developed between those who believe in principled fiscal policies and those desiring the socialist bureaucratic nanny-state. An unfortunate aspect to this is the complicity of a mainstream media which does not report facts, but rather ideological bias. This clash will determine the future and legacy of our Constitutional Republic.

I know who wins in the end, but it is going to be one heck of a fight.

This week the House GOP shall vote on a plan that will enable us to protect the full faith and credit of the United States but also tackle the long term fiscal viability of our nation. The plan is summarized by the concept of "Cut, Cap, and Balance." Our Congressional office issued a statement on Friday which explains the legislation, of which I am an original responder - you can click [here](#) to view.

Clip of the Week



**Debt Ceiling Debate:
"President's Scare Tactics"**

Interview of the Week

"Two Party Won't Compromise on the Debt Ceiling"



all things considered

Congressman West on NPR's "All Things Considered" with Robert Jingo

July 10, 2011



Dear Patriot,



Greetings to our constituents, fellow Floridians, and to all Americans. It is once again time for our weekly update. I hope this newsletter finds you well. In this new format, I'm going to share more information with you, including videos, pictures, my favorite news articles, profiles of our local men and women in uniform, our small businesses and other notable news from District 25. This will all be in addition to my weekly wrap-up of my work as your Representative.

This was a short D.C. week coming off the 4th of July weekend, which I hope everyone enjoyed. It was the 225th celebration of our Declaration of Independence. I am proud to say that the House Democrats enjoyed the 4th of July so much that the following day they invited around Communist, Van Jones, to address their caucus...now isn't that a doozy!

Even though the legislative business of this week was the FY 2012 Defense Appropriations bill, the debt ceiling issue was really the looming issue. This weekend we are having some "negotiations" about what I believe is the 99th raising of the debt limit since its inception. Why do we have negotiations or talks when the viable solution is clear? We have to cut federal government spending. This is not about a revenue issue, it is a spending issue. We must also cut the corporate/business tax rate of 35% to 20-22%, eliminate all loopholes and subsidies and allow the free market to work by setting conditions for long-term sustainable growth. We must cap federal government spending as per the GDP between 18-20%, instead of the insane 25% where we find it now...particularly with the looming potential of federal government spending per GDP to rise to 32% by 2017 under

Clip of the Week



On the House Floor:
"Rep. West Stands with Israel"

Article of the Week

South Florida's Best and Brightest
A Profile of Alton West
A Southern Business Monthly

(I guarantee you'll learn a few things about me you didn't know before)

